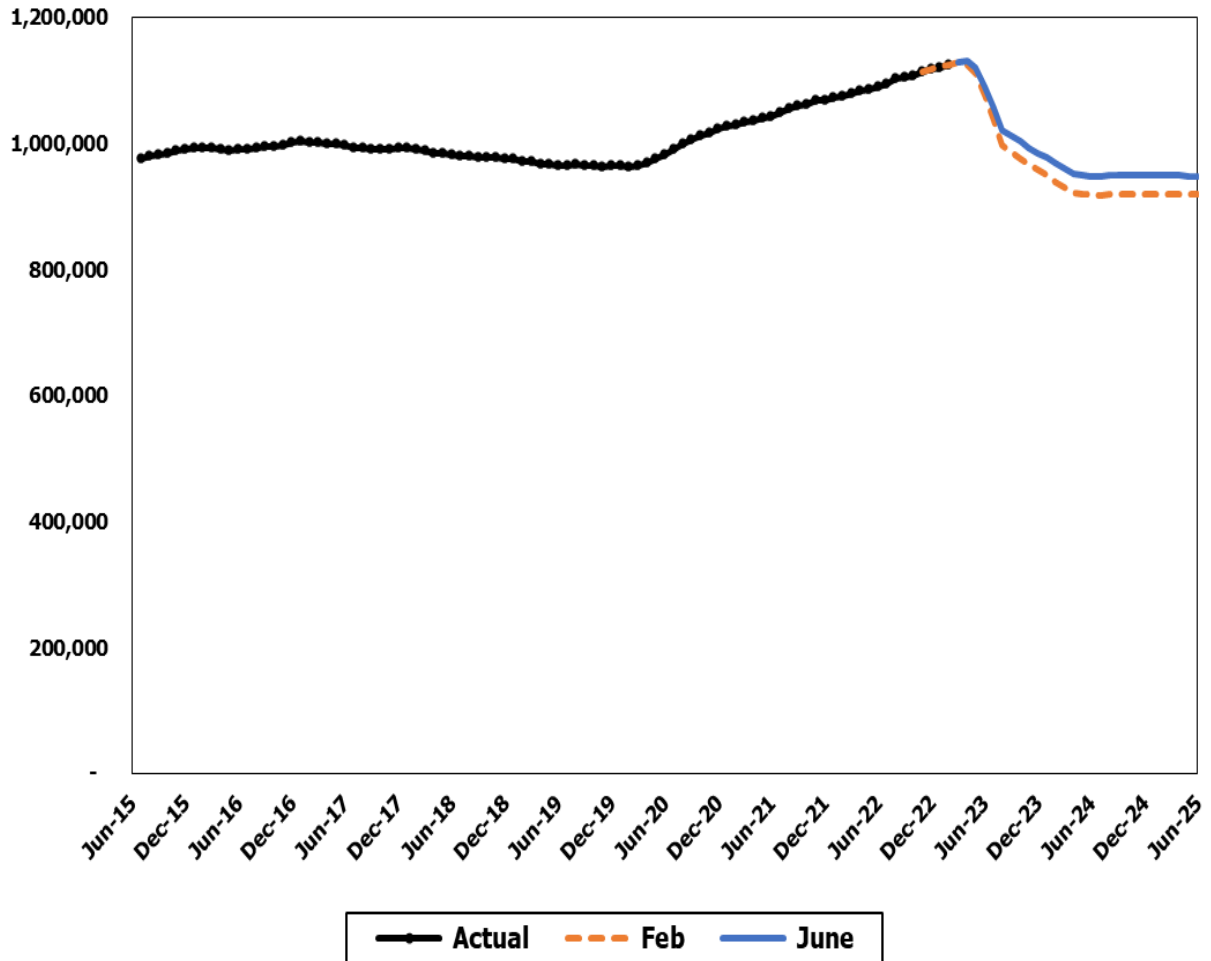


# Medical Assistance

## Adult Caretakers and Children

Caseload Forecast Council  
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### Medical Assistance for Adult Caretakers and Children



The Medical Assistance for Adult Caretakers and Children category is composed of seven caseloads for parents/caretakers, pregnant clients, and children by citizenship and income level.

### Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-23 Forecast	Jun-23 Forecast	Feb to Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2023	1,109,701	1,111,795	2,094	0.2%
2024	957,116	984,477	27,360	2.9%
2025	918,100	948,056	29,956	3.3%

The June 2023 forecast is 2,094 cases or 0.2 percent higher than the February 2023 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 28,658 cases or 3.1 percent higher for the 2023-25 Biennium.

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### Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Feb-23		Variance	Percent
	Forecast	Actual		Variance
Nov-22	1,112,892	1,112,584	-308	0.0%
Dec-22	1,117,285	1,116,844	-441	0.0%
Jan-23	1,121,204	1,119,884	-1,321	-0.1%
Feb-23	1,124,247	1,122,837	-1,410	-0.1%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 870 cases or 0.1 percent below the February forecast.

The unwinding process of the pandemic continuous enrollment requirement began in April 2023. The caseload will drop as the Health Care Authority (HCA) re-determines eligibility for postponed cases to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

A new Medicaid waiver was approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in April 2023. This waiver aims to provide continuous eligibility for Medicaid categorically needy children from their initial eligibility determination until they reach the age of six, regardless of changes in income or other factors that would normally affect their eligibility. As a result, the Medicaid unwinding process will not apply to clients covered by the new waiver and the state Children's Health Program (CHP). This particular change is the primary reason for the revision in the June caseload forecast.

### Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from	
			Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	986,406		
	2017	996,851	10,445	1.1%
	2018	988,437	-8,414	-0.8%
	2019	972,662	-15,775	-1.6%
	2020	966,054	-6,608	-0.7%
	2021	1,020,298	54,244	5.6%
	2022	1,069,639	49,341	4.8%
Forecast	2023	1,111,795	42,156	3.9%
	2024	984,477	-127,319	-11.5%
	2025	948,056	-36,421	-3.7%

### Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are high primarily because of the uncertainties from the Medicaid continuous enrollment unwinding process.